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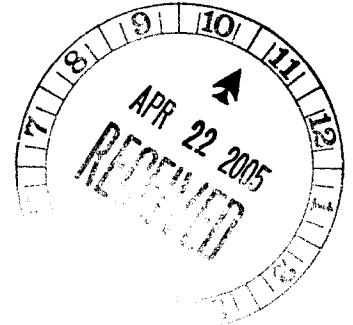
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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

April 21, 2005

Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001



**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 417X); BNSF Railway Company  
("BNSF") Abandonment between Glyndon, Minnesota and Felton, Minnesota**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On May 5, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 15.91 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 18.09, near Glyndon, in Clay County, Minnesota and railroad milepost 34.00, near Felton, in Clay County, Minnesota. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 56547 and 56536. By decision served May 25, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective June 24, 2004.

Winter weather conditions have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until December 31, 2005.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667.

Sincerely,

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